

HOUSE RESOLUTION 15 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Odom

A RESOLUTION to honor Virgil W. Deering on the occasion of
his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Virgil W. Deering is one such outstanding person who has served the profession of optometry for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Little Falls, Minnesota, Virgil W. Deering began his illustrious professional career with the Iowa Optometric Association in 1971; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he instituted a "grass roots" legislative effort in Iowa by organizing area legislative meetings throughout Iowa's 14 districts; these efforts eventually gave optometrists in Iowa one of the broadest practice acts in the nation; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the passage of DPA legislation in 1979 and the TPA legislation in 1985, with an enhancement to the treatment of glaucoma in 1987. This not only benefited patients and optometrists in Iowa, but it was also looked upon as a significant step in many other states obtaining DPA and TPA legislation; and

WHEREAS, currently serving on AOA's Insurance Committee, Mr. Deering has been a valued member on various other AOA committees; and

WHEREAS, a well-known chef, Mr. Deering is well known throughout the optometric community for his famous steaks. This talent alone has probably helped pass more legislation than any of Virgil's lobbying abilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deering likes to spend his spare time woodworking and playing golf. He has hand-crafted many plaques for past Iowa Optometric Association and AOA Presidents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Virgil W. Deering has announced his decision to retire as the Executive Director of the Iowa Optometric Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deering is most appreciative of the love and support that he receives from his wife of 41 years, Nancy; his 4 children, Dave, Tom, Jeanne and Lori; and his 3 grandchildren, Danielle (Danny), Brandon and Carlye; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mr. Virgil W. Deering our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.